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SUBJECT: CSCE: CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES

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1. AS REQUESTED IN REFTTEL MISSION HAS APPROACHED UK DEL TO URGE THAT SPC CONSIDER THE IMPLICATIONS OF CONTINUING TO SEEK THE INCLUSION OF PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR MILITARY MOVEMENTS AS AN ELEMENT OF CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES. IN RESPONSE TO ARGUMENTATION WE ADVANCED, DRAWING ON REFTTEL, UK DEL REFERRED US TO BRITISH EXPLANATORY PAPER ON CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES (USNATO 3086). UK DEL CITED IN PARTICULAR PARA 4 OF THAT PAPER WHICH READS IN PART, "CERTAIN PARTICIPANTS HAVE VOICED DOUBTS ABOUT THE NEED AND FEASIBILITY OF INCLUDING PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MOVEMENTS AS WELL AS MANOEUVERS. IN OUR VIEW A FAILURE TO PROVIDED PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MOVEMENTS WHILE PROVIDING SUCH NOTIFICATION ON MANOEUVRES WOULD PREJUDICE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE A GREATER CLIMATE OF SECRET

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CONFIDENCE."

2. MISSION REQUESTED THAT US VIEWS BE REPORTED TO LONDON AND ASKED THAT BRITISH RECONSIDER THEIR PREVIOUS POSITION.

UK DEL AGREED TO DO SO BUT PREDICTED THAT LONDON WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO ALTER ITS PREVIOUSLY STATED POSITION. HE PREDICTED FURTHERMORE THAT OTHER ALLIES, SPECIFICALLY BELGIUM AND THE NETHERLANDS, WOULD WISH TO RETAIN POSSIBILITY OF INCLUDING MOVEMENTS IN CBMS. HOWEVER, UK DEL AGREED THAT THERE WAS FORCE TO US ARGUMENTATION, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO IMPLICATIONS FOR MOVEMENT CONSTRAINTS IN THE MBFR CONTEXT. COMMENT: MISSION SUGGESTS THAT EMBASSY LONDON MIGHT USEFULLY RAISE THESE POINTS WITH FCO. RUMSFELD

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